

MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Hon. President : J. Murray Cook

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NEXT MEETING



BURNS NIGHT

7.30 pm Monday
6th February

MAYBOLE CASTLE

MEMBERS FREE – VISITORS £2.00

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF FORMAT,
VENUE – AND COST! THE EVENING WILL
NOW CONSIST OF A SELECTION OF BURNS
SONGS AND POEMS PERFORMED BY
POPULAR LOCAL ENTERTAINERS WITH A
LIGHT BUFFET AND WINE (IF YOU WOULD
LIKE SOMETHING STRONGER, YOU ARE
WELCOME TO BRING IT YOURSELF!)**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2006

Saturday 18th February 2006 – Alloway Family History Society : **Drop In Day in Alloway Church Halls.**

Monday 6th March 2006 – John Steele : **Secrets of Horse Island**

Thursday 16th March 2006 – Joint meeting of Ayrshire Family History Societies in Carnegie Library, Ayr ay 7.30 pm hosted by Alloway FHS – Mrs Joanna O'Rourke, New Register House : **The Scottish Family History Project**

Monday 3rd April 2006 – John Miller : **The Smugglers Who Saved the Language**

Saturday 22nd April 2006 – **Scottish Association of Family History Societies Conference 2006 – 'Education and Recreation'** : The Visitor Centre, New Lanark; 10.00 am – 5.00 pm; further information from the Conference Secretary, Lanarkshire Family History Society, 26A Motherwell Business Centre, Coursington Road, Motherwell, ML1 1PW.

Monday 8th May 2006 – AGM & Archie Scobie : **Maybole Emigrants**

Saturday 3rd June 2006 – **Troon History Fair**, Walker Halls, Troon, 9.30 am – 4.00 pm : further details from The Scottish & Local History Department, Carnegie Library, 12 Main Street, Ayr, KA8 8EB

Saturday 9th September 2006, 10.00 am - 4.30 pm – **The National Family History Fair** : Gateshead International Stadium, Neilson Road, Gateshead, NE10 0EF; full details at www.nationalfamilyhistoryfair.com

MAYBOLE MEMORIES

We are still looking for memories and photographs from the WWII period to make up a new publication on Maybole from 1939 – 45. **If you have anything relevant please contact David Kiltie (Tel. 01655 882644) or Dave Killicoat (whose contact details are overleaf).** We will be happy to copy any photographs or other material and return it to you within a matter of days.

Making History

David Kiltie, a founder member of our Society and member of the committee, made a very special bit of history himself in December. In the Queen's birthday honours list David was awarded an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) for his dedication to, and tireless work for the community in Maybole (the full detail of the citation would take more space than available here).



David is the first Minnieboler to receive this honour and rather than have it bestowed on him by Her Majesty herself, David decided that he wanted to have his whole family there so on 19th December the Lord Lieutenant presented David with his MBE at a civic reception in Maybole Town Hall in front of a large gathering of family and friends. (More at www.maybole.org)

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees are due on 1st September each year. For all new memberships or membership renewals received after 1st February 2006, membership will be valid until 1st September 2007.

Membership is only £10.00 and covers individuals or couples staying in the same household. Individuals who are registered disabled and anyone in full time education can join the society free of charge.

Please send all membership applications and renewals (with the appropriate fee) to The Honorary Treasurer at the address below.

CASTLE OPENING

The Castle has now ceased its regular openings to the public and these will start again at Easter in 2006. A full programme of opening times will be available in the new year. In the meantime, if you wish to have a special visit (providing sufficient notice is given) or if you wish to arrange a function or hold a meeting at any time please contact -

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Helen McAdam Tel. 01655 884255

or **Murray Cook** Tel. 01655 883235

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CAN YOU HELP WITH HISTORY?

Ever since the Society was formed only one person (or to be more precise two, one after the other) have produced this newsletter and provided all the articles and everything else that goes in to it. There is a lot more out there and we hope that we can encourage **YOU** to contribute to expand our horizons!

What are we looking for and how can you help?

In the first place you can keep an eye out for potential problems with historical places or artefacts and let us know about them. We try to keep a watching brief on Lochspouts (the site of a cranog) and also Kirkbride Kirkyard (to ensure that the excellent conservation work done by South Ayrshire Council is maintained). If you like a short walk why not visit either of these sites and let us know if there is still plenty water in the loch or if the protective fence at Kirkbride is still in good repair. Better still take a photograph and let us see it along with a short report. We will be pleased to publish it (with due acknowledgement) to keep all our members up to date.



Do **you** have any news – a potential new discovery; an old photograph; a query to put to our members?

We are very grateful to Chris Savage, the factor for Culzean and Cassillis Estate, for letting us know about the things he discovers on his visits to the various parts of his domain.

Two particularly interesting items are first the last remaining wall of a building recently uncovered during forestry work on the estate north of the B7023 near the present Whitestone. James T. Gray refers to this in his book "Maybole, Carrick's Capital" as the possible birthplace of Agnes Broun (Mother of Robert Burns) – "The gatelodge has completely gone now and only part of the gable of Whitestone stands in the wood-land at the south end" – however reference to early maps casts some doubt on this being part of an earlier Whitestone.

Secondly there is the intriguing sight of the remains of what may be old window on an internal wall of a barn at West Enoch Farm. At first glance these appear to be the remnants of the wall of a church or chapel but there is another example of this type of architecture Dunure Mill that is known to be part of the original design of the building.



If you have anything at all that you think might be of interest or if you do take one of the walks to Lochspouts or Kirkbride then please send it to Dave Killicoat at 15F Campbell Court, Ayr, KA8 0SE or e-mail it to maybole@scotsfamilies.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!